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SPEED LIMIT CUT AFTER DEATH OF DIDCOT FATHER

THE speed limit on a road near Milton is being slashed today after the death of a Didcot dad in a motorbike crash last year

A mile long stretch of Milton Road was cut from the national 60mph speed limit to 40mph from the village to the B4016 Drayton to Sutton Courtney road

Sebastian Grootz, 28, of Ouse Close Didcot became the second person to die on the road within five years after crashing into a telephone pole on September 23

Oxfordshire County Council approved the plans by council for Richard Webber for Sutton Courtenay and Marcham.

He said "I am delighted it is now happening So often these things take ages to come into force and it was very important that this was done before anyone else is killed.

"The locals have had to pick up the pieces each time so we suspect it could have saved a life in the next five to 10 years."

Mr Grootz a warehouse worker was a former pupil at St Birinus School in Mereland Road

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An inquest into his death in April at Oxford's County Hall gave a verdict of accidental death after he lost control of his motorbike

Oxfordshire Coroner's Court heard Mr Grootz had a blood alcohol level of 103mg over the 80mg limit but there was no evidence he was speeding.

A report into the planned speed changes by officers at Oxfordshire County Council said two people have died one person was seriously injured and four people were slightly injured on the road in the last five years

Cllr Webber gave £1 000 of his county council budget towards the speed limit change alongside £1 000 from Milton Park and another £1 000 from Milton Parish Council and Drayton Parish Council.

Chairman of Milton Parish Council Simon Glazebrook said "It is a danger for people who live on the road coming out on their access roads and for cyclists so it will make it safer for them

"It is a fast road and people manage to lose control."

Chairman of Drayton Parish Council Richard Williams said children who cycled to school on the road appealed to the council for the speed limit to be lowered several years ago

Residents made the same plea after Mr Grootz's death.

He added "It is the community taking things into their own hands

"There have been several deaths on the road and it had been argued that they were the wrong kinds of deaths for this to happen, like people driving carelessly which was thought an absurd angle

"Anybody who uses the road knows it has narrow lanes and bends and the traffic goes far too fast."

Milton Park property manager Miles Jones added "We are delighted to be able to help the community by delivering this our employees often travel along this road."

▪ (Left to right) Councillors Richard Webber and Simon Glazebrook Milton Park property manager Miles Jones and councillor Richard Williams

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Demolition day countdown is on

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DIDCOT S southern cooling towers will be demolished to just three days time but members of the public are being told not to attend the blow down

The three towers will be demolished between 3am and 5am on Sunday after being a part of the Oxfordshire landscape for 42 years

Despite pressure from members of the public and Didcot MP Ed Vauzey energy company npower and demolition firm Coleman & Company have refused to delay the event until 6am.

And now they are warning members of the public not to attend the demolition and instead watch a live stream of proceedings citing safety reasons over the use of 180kg of separate explosive charges

"We are acutely aware this first part of this demolition is an issue which local people feel strongly about however safety has to come first " the companies said in a statement

"Explosive demolition can be dangerous if not managed in a professional and coordinated manner

"It is with this in mind that we would advise people not to attend the demolition.

We are not just seeking to reduce risk in the immediate vicinity of the site but also further afield where large crowds may gather to watch the demolition

"We will be recording the event using a number of different filming methods and we will ensure that this footage will be made publicly available "

Npower announced the timing of the demolition last month prompting 3 659 people to sign a petition set up by Didcot resident Christine Reardon to delay the process until 6am

Mr Vauzey also wrote in his column in last week s Oxfordshire Guardian that after discussions over safety he could not "see the difference between a blow down at 6am and between 3am and 5am"

Npower said the timing of the demolition was agreed with the Health and Safety Executive Network Rail, Highways Agency, Oxfordshire County Council and Thames Valley Police

As well as the safety of the public the nearby railway line and A34 were among the main concerns

At present no public event has been organised for the demolition of the towers, something Didcot Town Council said it would have supported had the opportunity arisen.

Town clerk Dominic Stapleton said "Like most other people we had no idea of the proposed date until recently so there has been no opportunity to organise an event safely responsibly and effectively

"RWE npower clearly don t want to be involved in such an event and without their co operation it is not possible "

Developers Taytor Wimpey planned to make an area available at Great Western Park for members of the public to watch the demolition.

However on Tuesday the plans were withdrawn due to the risk of dust being blown onto the estate

A 300m exclusion zone will be in place around the towers during the demolition while Purchas Road and Milton Road will be temporarily closed

No residential properties are included in the exclusion zone while police will be present throughout

Free parking will be available at Didcot Parkway for anyone wishing to watch the demolition

For coverage of the demolition including a live stream go to oxfordshireguardian co uk

• Didcot Power Station's southern cooling towers pictured producing their last megawatts of power in March 2013 will be demolished on Sunday (Picture by Jack Johnson)

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Charity golf

MILTON COMMON A charity golf day held at The Oxfordshire course has raised more than £24 000 for Hearing Dogs For Deaf People

The day which took place on July 11 saw dozens of players take to the golfing greens near Thame including BBC Breakfast presenter Naga Munchetty

The money was raised for the national charity based near York.

The Oxfordshire s club captain Rob Daniels said "I know the funds raised will be put to good use by the charity and I d like to thank everyone involved for making this day so successful"

Swimming safe

OXFORD A video about swimming safety in open water produced by Film Oxford s Digital Youth Collective will get its premiere at Hinksey Park on Saturday

River Safe' has been created to highlight the dangers of open water swimming to young people and features interviews with representatives from Oxfordshire Fire and Rescue Service and the county council

As well as Hinksey Park, the film is also being shown at Sunnymead Park on August 2 and at Fettiplace Recreational Ground on August 16

Each event starts at 3pm, and the film is being screened alongside a feature-length movie

Get active offer

CHERWELL Discounted swim and gym sessions for young people aged 15 to 25 are being offered at three Cherwell leisure centres from Monday

Kidlington and Gosford Leisure Centre, Bicester Leisure Centre and Spiceball Leisure Centre in Banbury will be holding £2 sessions until September 22

Those who attend six sessions over the eight weeks will get one month s free membership followed by a reduced rate for a 12 month membership

George Reynolds Cherwell s deputy leader said, "Often the most difficult step is getting people through the door for the first time "

Jury consider murder verdicts

THE jury in the Jayden Parkinson murder trial will continue deliberating verdicts today after being sent home on Tuesday

The six men and six women have been deliberating since last Wednesday after a 19 day trial.

Ben Blakeley 22 of Christchurch Road Reading has admitted killing the Didcot teenager but denies murder

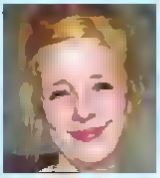
His younger brother Jake Blakeley of Venners Water Didcot pleaded guilty to perverting the course of justice but not guilty to preventing a lawful burial.

Oxford Crown Court heard Ben Blakeley killed Jayden in a field near Upton on December 3 after grabbing her around the neck.

Jayden s body was buried in the field on December 5 before being re-buried in the grave of Ben s uncle Alan Kennedy four days later

Both defendants remain in custody

The trial continues



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Calls to better promote council-run town fair

By Jack Johnson
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DIDCOT'S residents have hailed the town's second summer fair a success but want the event better advertised in the future.

The town council run event was held in Edmonds Park last Saturday with 2,500 people soaking up the sun and enjoying the activities, events and live music.

Members of the public took to social media at the weekend to give feedback and despite saying they enjoyed the day improving the advertising of the fair was a recurring theme.

Linda Latter posted on Spotted Didcot: "More advertising - a lot of people have been telling me they did not know about it."

Ady Maunder added: "The fair needs to be advertised better, that way more people would go."

Anna Berry echoed their thoughts writing: "It needs much better advertising. I saw an advertising for the event at all."

Didcot Town Council information centre manager Sue Atkins said the advertising aspect will improve over the next 12 months and hopes the fair will be "bigger and better" in 2015.

"The fair went really well," she added.

"The only comment was that they didn't see it advertised anywhere and what we need is a big banner across the Broadway.

"That's the only way people are going to see it.

"We would have to run it past the county council and make sure it has to be a certain height but I am sure it is something we will be looking at for next year."

The event was held from 11am to 9pm with live music played on stage from Tony Lyons Light spill and the Crimps in the evening.

Around 40 stalls, including local charities, were placed around the park.

Personnel from 11EOD simulated a bomb disposal and the beer tent, inflatable slide and go-karts proved popular.

The event even managed to avoid the thunderstorm that engulfed most of Oxfordshire that day.

John Galpin, who attended the fair said: "I had a great day with the kids and well done to the organisers just what Didcot needs."

Paul Griffiths added: "I thought a lot of time and thought had gone into it, car parking far more stalls then ever before and the bands were so entertaining."

Didcot councillor Axel MacDonald, who sits on the fair committee said he would like the fair to become an annual summer event.

"I think the town deserves it," he added.

"We now have the roots in for the town fair and we would like to expand things like the music side of it to give more local bands a chance to play in front of a live audience.

Hopefully there will be greater things in the future."

• (From left to right) Mayoress Penny Wilgrove, town crier Antony Church and Major Scott Wilgrove

• 11EOD servicemen simulated a bomb disposal at the event (Pictures courtesy of Didcot Town Council)

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Plans for bridge

DIDCOT: A planning application has been submitted to South Oxfordshire District Council to reconstruct Foxhall Lane Bridge.

Network Rail want to lift the height of the 600m long bridge which supports Basil Hill Road to meet sufficient clearance for the electrification of the railway line.

To do this they intend to demolish the existing bridge and replace it with a new structure.

A target decision date has been scheduled for September 11.

Big total raised

DIDCOT: A fundraising organisation has so far raised just under £9,000 for Oxford's Children's Hospital.

Play2Give which was founded by Didcot resident Andrew Baker held a children's football tournament at Oxford City's Marsh Lane ground on July 13.

The grand total has yet to be announced but the organisation held its most successful raffle at the event raising £850.

Basketball camp

DIDCOT: The town's basketball club is holding a three-day summer camp for seven to 16-year-olds in Wallingford between August 26-28.

Didcot Devils will be holding the camps at Wallingford School on St Georges Road between 10am and 12.30pm for seven to 11 year olds and 1pm-4pm for 12 to 16 year-olds.

The camp costs £15 and members of the public can book a place by emailing enquiry@didcotdevils.org.

Residents have say on housing

A CONSULTATION about where new homes could go across South Oxfordshire closed yesterday.

A Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA) has outlined the need for up to 16,500 homes to be built in the district by 2031.

South Oxfordshire District Council chose to consult after the study's figures were 3,900 to 5,900 more than the district council had planned for in its core strategy in 2012.

Residents, interest groups, parish councils and developers were asked 19 questions in the consultation including opinions on eight options for where housing should go in the south.

SODC's core strategy plans for 2,330 homes in Didcot, to be built north of the Ladygrove estate with at least three options pointing to varying degrees of increases in homes.

Deputy leader of Didcot Town Council Margaret Davies said: "The town council supports this personal amongst larger villages to speed provision.

"We concluded by saying we are also in favour of a Green Belt review around Oxford.

"The review would include Grenoble Road and also places like Wheatley, Berinsfield, Batley and so on.

SODC will use the comments to draft the next stage of its local plan, before residents will be consulted for a second time later this year, ahead of any decisions being made.

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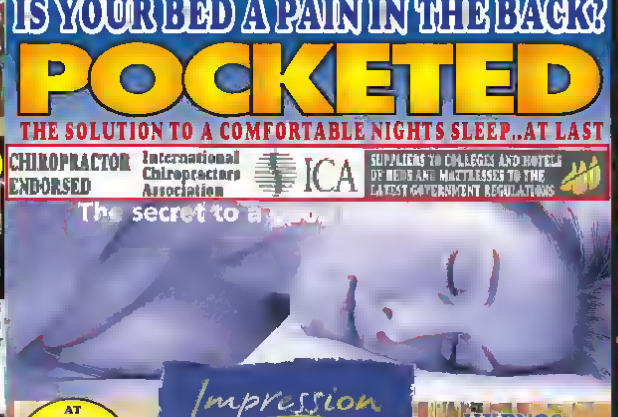

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Community centre at heart of fiery dispute

ABOUT 50 protesters gathered outside East Oxford Community Centre on Monday in a bid to stop Oxford City Council from taking it over

East Oxford Community Association, which operates the Cowley Road centre, was given four weeks notice last month to leave the council owned premises

They had until 4pm on Monday to go but the council were unable to evict them

Catherine Gundry, association trustee said "The council turned up on Monday afternoon trying to threaten the committee if we didn't think again and we'd be taken to court

Really the boots on the other foot and we should be taking them to court for harassment and distress but we'll continue to seek advice and let people know what's happening

But the council said the association "is not fit to run" the centre

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Oxford City Council spokesman Louisa Dean said "The council has sought to remove East Oxford Community Association from the centre as it has determined the association is not fit to run such a property

"They are now left with two options to resist the councils actions and we will have to consider formal proceedings or to agree to the council's proposals"

The council's Communities and Neighbourhoods team would take over management.

The centre's programme of events is to continue.

A petition called "leave East Oxford Community Centre alone" has gained more than 500 signatures

Former East Oxford resident Gill Breeze said "After all the work that's gone into the place, the association should be given support to carry on the great work in this centre."

• *East Oxford Community Centre*

Bobbies on the beat commended in report

OXFORDSHIRE S police force has been praised in a new report by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary (HMIC)

HMIC s Valuing the Police report, released on Tuesday, states the force is on track to achieve its target savings of £58 9million for the 2011/12 to 2014/15 period

It also recognised Thames Valley Police's ability to make the savings while making a much smaller reduction in officer and staff numbers than other forces

It added they have been able to increase the numbers of frontline officers

Chief constable Sara Thornton said "We are pleased the report recognises Thames Valley Police s dedication to providing a high quality policing service to the communities we serve.

"However we need to reduce our budgets by a further £38m over the next three years

"This will be really tough but we will do everything we can to ensure that the service to the public is protected"

Police and crime commissioner Anthony Stansfeld added "This is an encouraging and useful report from HMIC

"Thames Valley Police has managed the considerable financial cuts well through greater efficiency collaboration with other forces and through better use of technology"

• *Anthony Stansfeld (top left) and Sara Thornton (bottom left)*

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Election change

OXFORD Members of the public will receive letters from the city council over the next fortnight about changes to electoral registration

Oxford City Councils changing the registration process to individual Electoral Registration

This means every individual in a household who is eligible to vote will now be responsible for their own voter registration.

Previously one form was used to register everyone at an address

Student F1

OXFORD Students from Oxford Brookes University have finished as the top British team in an international motor racing competition

Formula Student sees teams from across the world design and build their own racing car before taking to the track in a series of competitions

Brookes finished sixth overall at Silverstone last Wednesday with the event being won by Delft University of Technology of the Netherlands

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Silver stolen

WATLINGTON An antique clock laptop and the family silver were stolen in a burglary at a Brook Street house between 10 and 11.

The house was empty at the time, and when the residents returned they found a rear window had been forced open and the items stolen.

Anyone with information is asked to call police on 101

Scam warning

OXON Residents are being warned about a cold calling scam where fraudsters offer a council tax rebate in exchange for bank details

George Reynolds deputy leader of Cherwell District Council said "We would urge anyone who receives a cold call from someone claiming to be from the council and asking for bank details to hang up

Fellows chosen

OXFORD Nine of the 42 new fellows of the British Academy who have been selected are from Oxford University – more than any other institution

Professors Francesco Pillari, Susanne Robzien Georgina Born, Gavin Flood Henrietta Harrison Stephen Smith Cecilia Trifogli and Sarah Whatmore along with Dr Susan Brigden were chosen in recognition of their research in the humanities and social sciences

Redevelopment plan for Oxford criticised

PLANS to redevelop land in north Oxford have been criticised by the Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE)

Oxford City Council wants to develop 80 000m² of land at the Northern Gateway between Wolvercote Roundabout and the Peartree Interchange – 35 000m² more than originally planned in its Core Strategy

The Oxfordshire CPRE branch said it is "fearful" of the visual impact on the city's Green Belt

CPRE Oxfordshire director Helen Marshall said "We are very fearful the expanded scheme could have a significant visual impact on the surrounding Green Belt including Port Meadow

"The Area Action Plan (AAP) includes proposals for five storey buildings and we have already seen the devastation that such development can have on the visual amenity of Port Meadow"

Plans to change the Green Belt boundary to remove part of the Wolvercote Conservation Area is among the proposals

CPRE say this goes against an inspector's ruling in 1994 that the area should be protected.

By Jack Johnson
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However city council leader Bob Price labelled the claims as "nonsense"

Cllr Price added "The site has featured as a key development site for high tech business in the City Deal and the county wide Strategic Economic Plan (SEP) developed by the Local Enterprise Partnership"

The city council said the amount of employment land was increased to reflect the need beyond 2026 and more land was added after emergency services said they no longer wanted a base at the new development

The city council also plans to build 500 homes a new link road between the A40 and A44 improve the Wolvercote and Cutteslowe roundabouts and add more parking spaces to the Peartree Park and Ride.

The AAP was approved at a city council meeting on Monday July 14

A consultation ends in September and the city council hopes to submit the AAP to the government in October to be adopted in June next year

More ring road traffic misery

A CONTRAFLOW system will come into force as part of the Kennington Roundabout and Hinksey Hill Interchange revamp from Sunday bringing further congestion to the area.

It will reduce the A423 to one lane in each direction until June between Hinksey Hill and Heyford Hill Interchange until early November

Further restrictions and closures will be implemented at Kennington Roundabout, Old Abingdon Road and Kennington Road

David Nimmo Smith Oxfordshire County Council's cabinet member for transport said. "Up until now we have been able to work during off-peak hours to minimise delays but this is not possible as we enter the next phase

"The best advice is to look at whether you can use another form of transport or maybe change your journey and use one of the park and rides around Oxford

"Ultimately the inconvenience drivers are putting up with at the moment will be replaced with a far more efficient journey once our work is complete."

The £6million work on the junctions began last month

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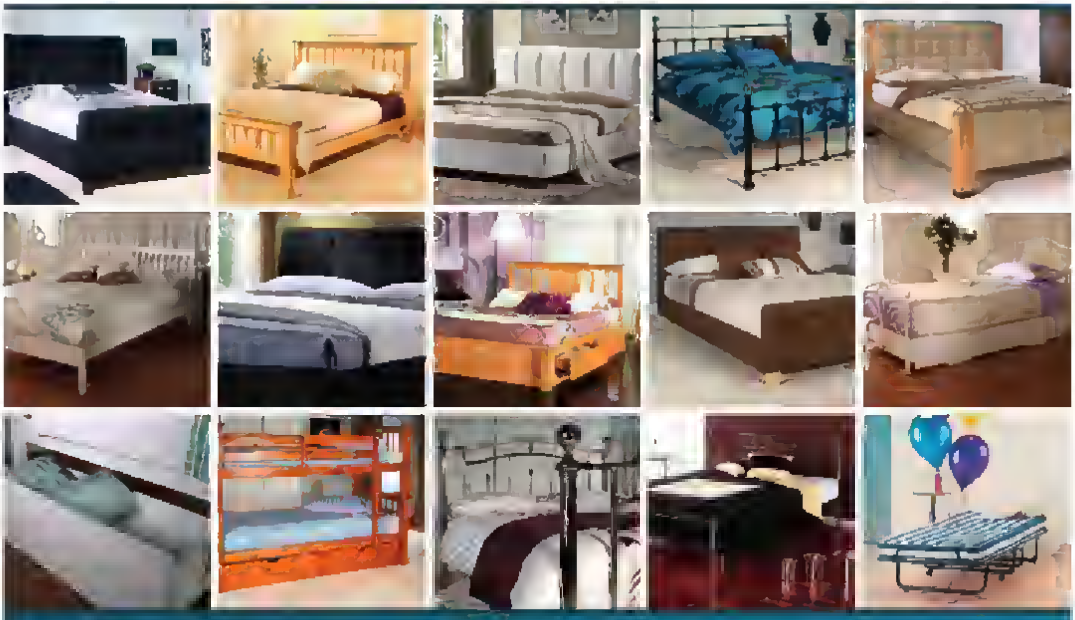

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Bike thieves strike Oxford city centre

ALMOST 2 000 bikes were stolen in Oxford over the last year Thames Valley Police has revealed.

There were 1 955 cycle theft offences in the city centre between April 2013 and April 2014 a reduction of 377 on the previous year

Sergeaul Matthew Sulley said "When your bike is stolen it can have a significant impact on your way of life especially if it s your primary mode of transport, or be quite distressing if it s a treasured possession.

"Police are working hard to drive cycle crime down, both by helping people keep their property safe and by tackling the offenders head on by arresting them"

Six people have been charged or cautioned for theft and three people for being in possession of stolen bikes during police patrols over the last week

Detective Chief Inspector Andy Bird added "We actively investigate all bicycle crimes because we understand the impact they have on people in Oxford.

"We actively pursue, arrest and charge cycle thieves and those who knowingly buy stolen cycles."

Officers are encouraging people to lock bikes securely and log them on security website bikeregister com

High hopes for new publisher's website to buy and sell online

Sellit247

FOLLOWING weeks of planning a new online platform for residents of Oxfordshire and beyond to buy and sell is being launched today

The sellit247 co uk website gives sellers the chance to self manage their own sales and accounts mostly free of fees

Unwanted items used cars vans and motorcycles and property to let can be advertised on the site, and jobs can be posted online with relative ease as soon as a vacancy becomes available

The sellit247 site is operated by Didcot-based multi media publishers Taylor Newspapers from their headquarters on the Southmead Industrial Estate

It joins daily news websites oxfordshireguardian.co.uk and basingstokeobserver co uk as its third online platform.

By Andy Allens
news@taylornewspapers.co.uk

Taylor Newspapers Managing Director Howard Taylor said, "The website is now live but even before today s launch we have had over 29 000 visitors to the site from as far as Truro in the west and Essex in the east which is really encouraging

"We are providing a new opportunity for our advertisers and readers to buy and sell online and enjoy full control over the selling process

Cars for sale posted on the site will also benefit from appearing in the printed version of our newspapers the Oxfordshire Guardian group of six weekhes and the Basingstoke Observer

"Posts will appear on the site as soon as the advert has been created and we encourage sellers to make use of the free image uploads where up to four pictures can be uploaded to aid the selling process"

Users can create their own username and login to manage their own account

Taylor Newspapers Operations Manager Ted Woodhouse said "I have been involved in the development of this website and I am delighted with the interest shown in the site even before we officially launched it

"I believe this new website will give advertisers particularly in the local area a great opportunity to buy and sell online"

• *Taylor Newspapers Ltd publisher Howard Taylor*

News Bites

Fire station

OXFORD Residents in Headington can see how their local fire station operates at an open day at Slade Park on Saturday

Firefighters will carry out a range of demonstrations while visitors can handle rescue equipment and chat with operational crews

Crews will be raising money for The Fire Fighters Charity during the day which runs from noon to 4pm

Building award

OXFORD An Oxford Brookes University building has missed out on the shortlist for the prestigious Stirling Prize – one of architecture s top honours

The John Henry Brookes Building had been nominated for the prize which includes other iconic structures like The Shard in London

But it was voted as one of the top 15 buildings in the country by the Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA) following on from a national award it received last month.

More parking

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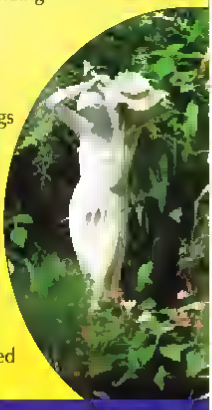

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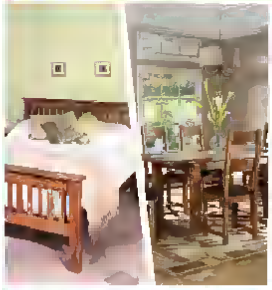

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Police search for flasher in Bicester park

A MAN wearing a luminous punk polo top exposed himself to two women aged 18 and 21 in the Bure Park Nature Reserve in Bicester on Sunday.

The women were walking along the main pathway in the nature reserve when the man approached them at around 7.30pm.

He exposed himself before leaving down the same path.

He was in his mid-30s, white, around 5ft 6ins to 5ft 9ins tall with fair skin, short dark brown hair with a receding hairline and light stubble.

The man was also wearing a luminous punk polo top with a white and black horizontal line across the chest and tan-coloured shoes.

Investigating officer PC Nicki Harrison said: "Although it is unlikely that any members of the public would have witnessed the incident itself, they may have seen the man walking towards or away from the offence location.

"There are believed to have been a number of members of the public walking dogs in the reserve at the time, and the hope is that someone will recall seeing the man in his distinctive clothing.

"Anyone with information about the exposure should contact police on 101.

Top brand stores sign up to £500m Westgate

BIG name retailers have signed up to the £500million redevelopment of Westgate Shopping Centre.

Oxford City Council leader Bob Price said the companies are "impressive" but at present he is not allowed to give any names.

So far only John Lewis, which will be the redevelopment's flagship store, has been announced for the Queen Street centre.

Cllr Price said: "They are very impressive national and international names and I think it will make a massive difference to the shopping offer in Oxford."

By Jack Johnson
jacktaylornewspapers.co.uk

Spokesperson for the Westgate Alliance undertaking the development George Wilkinson confirmed talks have been held with other big name companies to join John Lewis.

And on Tuesday evening the city council's West Area Planning Committee approved plans for land off Osney Lane to become a temporary car park for two years while Westgate and its car park is shut.

The Westgate Oxford Alliance, a joint venture between property companies the Crown Estate and Land Securities, held a second four-day consultation for the plans which ended on Monday.

This included new designs unveiled for John Lewis which will overlook Castle Mill Stream.

More than 500 people viewed the plans.

Sara Fuge, development manager for Westgate Oxford Alliance, said: "We had a very positive response to our consultation on the emerging designs in April and have spent the last few months progressing these.

"We were very excited to share the final detailed designs."

The centre will include shops, restaurants and a cinema and will be expanded into four different buildings set in a mix of covered streets, arcades, lanes and squares.

Members of the public will be able to access the centre from all directions with planners putting 11 different entrances in place.

There will also be three public squares including Room Square with Middle Square and South Square.

An underground car park will also be installed at the south of the shopping centre with the current multi storey to be demolished in place of the new buildings.

The revamp also includes 122 apartments off Abbey Place.

After the first consultation changes including installing cycle parking on Turn Again Lane and improving the basement car park entrance were made.

The Alliance aim to secure detailed planning consent by the end of the year to begin building work next year.

Cllr Price added: "I am very impressed by the quality architecture. I think it will deliver all we wanted in terms of an exciting new part of the city centre."

• An architect's design of what John Lewis could look like from Norfolk Street

Timeline:

- 1973 – Westgate opened
- 1986 – The centre is extended and refurbished
- 2004 – Oxford City Council endorse Westgate Partnership's development plan
- 2010 – Westgate Alliance become its new owners
- 2012 – A new masterplan is unveiled for the re-development of Westgate
- May 2013 – John Lewis sign an agreement to deliver a department store
- October 2013 – An outline planning application is submitted to the city council
- March 2014 – Planning permission is granted for the development
- April 2014 – The first public consultation is held
- July 2014 – A second consultation is organised
- August 2014 – A reserve matters planning application is to be submitted
- December 2014 – The alliance hope to secure planning consent
- 2015 – Building to begin
- 2017 – New Westgate centre to open

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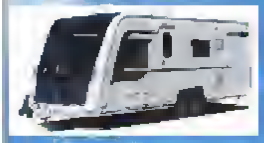

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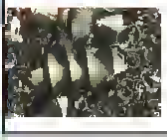

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Fears raised over plans for new gravel pit

FOUR South Oxfordshire villages have joined forces to oppose plans for a gravel pit and concrete processing plant being built on their doorsteps

Residents in Clifton Hampden, Long Wittenham, Culham and Appleford fear the 160-hectare development will ruin the countryside and clog up rural roads

Waste disposal company Hills want to build the plant east of the railway at Culham and south of the A415 and plan to submit a planning application in December

The proposed site lies 200m from Clifton Hampden and Appleford and 450m from Long Wittenham

And a campaign group called Burcot and Clifton Hampden for the Protection of the River Thames (BACHPORT) now plan to raise around £26 000 to hire legal help and fight an impending planning application

Lou Mason spokesperson for BACHPORT said "If this project is allowed it would ruin a beautiful part of the countryside

"The big issue for lots of people is the traffic.

By Jack Johnson
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"If you try and get from Long Wittenham to Clifton Hampden it's difficult now especially in the peak times

"If you say you are going to have two tonne lorries through there it will be log jam."

BACHPORT has pledged £1 000 towards the funding and expect £2 000 from Clifton Hampden & Burcot Parish Council.

Long Wittenham, Culham and Appleford parish councils are expected to put £1 000 each towards the legal fees

Mr Mason added. "We have had lots of volunteers and people register interests They are helping us work on our campaign."

Long Wittenham Parish Council chairman Tom Bowtell described the latest plans as a "nightmare"

Jan Woodley Shead chairman of Culham Parish Council, added. "I would prefer if if they don't put the gravel pit there"

Chris Neill MBE chair of Clifton Hampden & Burcot Parish Council said "We are naturally worried about any increase in pollution or drop in air quality that may result from an increase in traffic, especially from HGV vehicles"

Hills say they will extract 4.75million tonnes of mineral from the site in 25 years while 35 40 HGV a will access the plant from the A415 every day

A scoping request was submitted in April with Oxfordshire County Council informing Hills that an environmental statement will need to be submitted alongside a planning application

Peter Andrew group director of Hills Quarry Products said. "As part of the development for this new proposal independent consultants will assess all possible environmental effects as specified in the scoping opinion provided by the council.

"The results of these assessments and any mitigation methods will be included in the environmental statement that will form part of the final planning application submission"

News Bites

Exercise for free

SOUTH OXON Free exercise classes for women are being offered over the summer at Willowbrook Leisure Centre in Didcot and Park Club in Milton.

Users can choose six classes to try for free, with vouchers for sessions available by emailing lil.roe@southandvale.gov.uk

Bill Service, cabinet member for leisure at South Oxfordshire District Council said. "This is a really great offer and we hope many women take advantage over the summer months"

Art at Brookes

OXFORD Award-winning artist and Oxford Brookes alumnus Ruth Simons will be presenting her work in the university's Abercrombie Glass Tank from today

The exhibition 'Order' explores ideas of growth and man's perception of nature through drawings, paintings and sculptures

It is running in the Abercrombie Building at the university's Headington campus until August 29

Road resurfacing

CUMNOR A £540 000 project to resurface the B4044 Eynsham Road gets underway on Monday

Work is expected to last for four weeks and Oxfordshire County Council are anticipating delays in the area as a result

Mice move into a new home as part of Fairytale Farm attraction

A FAMILY of mice living in the model village of Mouse Town are set to become the latest attraction at Chipping Norton's Fairytale Farm when the exhibit opens on Saturday

The village is based on an English rural town complete with shops, a church, houses, pond and a jail house.

And visitors can watch on as the mice go about their daily business

Nick Lanster, owner of Fairytale Farm said "We are delighted to open our newest attraction just in time for the summer holidays

"Children will love watching our family of white and grey mice scampering around looking out of windows, shopping in the butchers and cheese shop, and visiting the spooky graveyard

Fairytale Farm opened in June last year as the first UK attraction designed specifically for disabled children.

It features a mix of other attractions, including a sensory garden, farm animals and an adventure playground

"We always try and do something different at Fairytale Farm and I am sure that our visitors will be equally enthralled by Mouse Town" Nick added

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▪ *Mice explore their new surroundings in Mouse Town*

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Boundaries are changed

A HISTORICAL boundary has been altered as part of a South Oxfordshire District Council (SODC) review

Laud around the A4130 by pass which was in Cholsey and Brightwell cum Sotwell, has been moved into the Wallingford parish

The decisiou was made at last Thursday's full council, and changes will come into effect next year

It will see the Winterbrook estate become part of Wallingford after being in Cholsey for hundreds of years

Chairman of Cholsey Parish Council Mark Gray said he feared the 100 home estate would be developed if the boundary was changed.

One amendment to the proposal was for the houudary between Brightwell cum Sotwell to align with the verge an the Wallingford side of the by-pass

Dideot e boundary was also amended to include land in West Hagbourne and Long Wittenham and the section of the Millbrook estate in East Hagbourne

The Vale of White Horse District Council's Community Governance Review was discussed at full council last Wednesday

The proposal to move the part of Grove Technology Park from East Challew parish into Grove was rejected but another review could be carried out after May 2015

Guilty verdict over deaths of two kids

A WOMAN found guilty of the manslaughter of two children after an arsou attack on an Oxford home 17 years ago, is due to be sentenced tomorrow

Fiaz Munshi 38 of Manley Road Oldham in Lancashire was cleared of the murder of nine-year-old Anum Khan and her brother Majid 15 ou Tuesday at Oxford Crown Court but convicted of manslaughter

It comes almost 17 years after police and firefighters were called to the Khan/Akhtar household in Magdaleu Road on August 28 1997 when the fire broke out

Six of the seven people inside the house managed to escape but Anum died in the fire and Majid died two days later in hospital after suffering severe burns to his head and body

Munshi was arrested on suspicion of murder in September 1997

But there was not enough evidence to charge her so she was released and flew to Pakistan

But just days later new evidence surfaced, and five people were convicted of murder in October and November 1998 Four others were also sentenced for perverting the course of justice.

By Adam Flinn
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A 10th persou Munshi s sister Riaz was convicted of man slaughter in 1999

Munshi was then re arrested on October 22 last year after a member of the Khan/Akhtar family made euquires about her in 2012 It was found she had been back in the UK since 2005

Detective Inspector Craig Kirby of Thames Valley Police s Major Crime Unit said "I cannot put into words how difficult this case has been for the family of Anum and Majid and I know how important this verdict is to them

"Enquiries undertaken following the call from the family in 2012 have not established why action was not taken by Thames Valley Police in 2005 to investigate evidence against Munshi.

"However as soon as we identified this new opportunity to bring her to justice a full review of the case was conducted which resulted in her successful arrest and prosecution

Adrian Foster chief crown prosecutor for Thames and Chiltern Crown Prosecution Service said "Majid and Anum's family and friends have been devastated by their untimely deaths

"We know that nothing will bring Majid and Anum back to their family and friends but we hope that Tuesday s] conviction brings them at least a small sense that justice has once again been done

▪ *Fiaz Munshi is expected to be sentenced at Oxford Crown Court tomorrow*

News Bites

Rolf Harris

BICESTER Rolf Harris has been sent to Bullingdon Prison near Bicester after being found guilty of 12 indecent assaults last month.

The artist and television presenter assaulted four girls and young women aged from seven to 19 between 1968 and 1986

Harris trial at Southwark Crown Court in London lasted seven weeks and the jury deliberated on the verdicts for eight days

Vikings day

WALLINGFORD The town s museum is holding a Vikings Day an August 16 between 11am and 4pm

Families can talk to Wallingford museum s Viking warrior handle pieces of Saxton pots and make their own shield brooch and jewellery

All children are free while an adult ticket costs £4

Charity tea

MINSTER LOVELL An annual tea party celebrating its 10th year has raised £1,300 for Breast Cancer Care

The Strawberry Tea party held by 54 year old Linda Jeffrey at St Kenelm's Hall has now raised more than £10,000 for the charity since it began

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Football plea

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Street trading

OXFORD The city council is considering changes to their street trading policy

It could become one of the first authorities to rule all food containers have to be either recyclable or biodegradable

The consultation ending on August 12 also looks at rules that traders must be more than 100m from secondary schools and colleges during the day

Feedback will be presented at a city council committee meeting on September 23

Gaza victim

OXFORD An Oxford Brookes University graduate is in intensive care as a result of the conflict in Gaza

Hassan Alhallaq was a Masters student at the university in 2012/13 where he studied Science in ellusiness

Members of his family have been killed in the past week following an attack on their home in the region.

University vice chancellor Janet Beer said "We are deeply shocked and saddened by this tragic news"

Rowers to set up camp below town hall in charity challenge

• *Lisa Treacher (background) and Lisa Letchford during last year's rowing challenge*

By Jack Johnson
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OWNERS of a gym will be taking an rowing challenge in the middle of Wallingford town centre this week as they aim to conquer the world s waterways

Lisa Treacher and Lisa Letchford, co-owners of Lifestyles Gym & Rehab Centre in Benson Lane Wallingford will be rowing the length of the Seine the third longest river in France over the course of 36 hours

The pair will park two static rowers underneath the town hall in Market Place for the feat from 5am tomorrow until 4pm on Saturday

They are hoping to raise more than £3 000 for cancer charity HeadCase and Helen & Douglas House Hospice in Oxford

British rower Chris Boddy will help the duo complete the 778km challenge

Ms Treacher said "Chris and his friends are going to come down and help us so when we hear things like that it puts our minds at rest a little bit

'Considering Lisa and I rowed 96km each last year it is quite daunting.'

The pair completed the distance of the English Channel last year about 564km having previously conquered the length of the River Thames

After naturally progressing towards France, they decided to extend their challenge into international waters

We thought we have done the length of the Thames and the Channel and we are now in France so why don t we make the point of trying to go round the world

It s a nice way to think that over the years we could have gone all the way round the world."

Last year the duo were joined by England hockey player Alex Danson and GB rower Zac Purchase

Danson is competing at the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow but it is hoped Purchase will help out again this year

"He has been tweeted," said Lisa

"We are going to chase him but if we can get him there we definitely will

Twelve months ago they were also joined by members of the public who had just returned from a night out on the town

We had drunks coming off the bus at 3am to help us said Lisa It was amazing."

She added The hardest thing is staying awake for the whole 36 hours

But it is such an amazing atmosphere and such an adrenaline buzz that I think we will be fine"

Town's MG links hailed

A GARDEN honouring car maker MG s history in Abingdon was officially opened by the town's mayor Angela Lawrence last Thursday

The MG Garden in Ock Street has been developed by the MG Car Club and Abingdon Town Council with the aim of documenting the history and impact MG has had in the area

It features a paved MG logo in the centre as well as seven display boards detailing the history of its factory

Julian White general manager of the MG Car Club said "This has been a real community project from the start, with help from Abingdon residents local historians and Car Club members

"It s very rewarding to see the garden being used and enjoyed

At the peak of its car production MG employed around 1,300 workers at its Abingdon factory and built roughly 1 000 cars a week.

The factory formerly situated close to the MG Car Club s current base in Cemetery Road, opened in 1928 before closing in 1980

• *Angela Lawrence cuts the ribbon to open the MG Garden*

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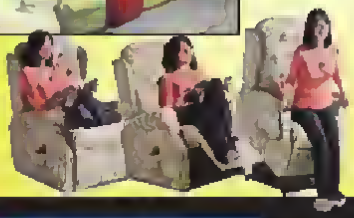

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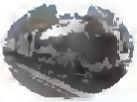

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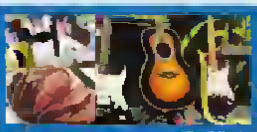

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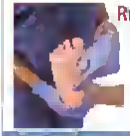

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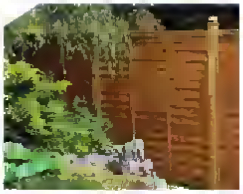

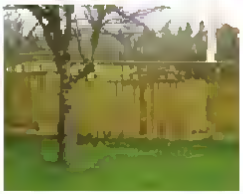

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A Buddy Holly show

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Eight cinemas across the UK are taking part in the screenings to mark the centenary of the outbreak of the First World War this September

Italy in war

A PLAY documenting the plight of Italy in the early 20th century will be staged at the Old Fire Station in Oxford from today

The Cap and Bells was written in 1916 but was largely ignored as a theatre piece until the 1930s, and has become increasingly popular since then.

The show is running until Saturday and show times can be found at oldfirestation org uk.

Reggae at O2

DANCEHALL and reggae fusion Icon Sanchez performs live at the O2 Academy in Oxford for a one off show tomorrow from 10pm

Sanchez has been working in the music industry since 1967 releasing his most recent album Love You More three years ago

For more details go to o2academy oxford co uk.

Buddy visits New Theatre

By Adam Flinn
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THE long running West End show Buddy, which celebrates the life and music of the iconic American musician Buddy Holly comes to Oxford's New Theatre from Monday.

Buddy is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year and joins a select number of musicals that have reached this landmark milestone

Rather than being a tribute show it starts off as a play documenting the rise of Buddy's career ending with a reconstruction of his final concert before his death in 1959 aged 22

Glen Joseph who plays Buddy in the show has been performing in the role since 2000

"It is essentially a play with music about the story of Buddy's life" said Glen.

"A lot of people who love Buddy's music don't necessarily come for the play they come for the final concert he gave in Iowa and that's the last 40 minutes of the show

We recreate the concert as it happens before he went off to catch the plane which ultimately was the end of his life."

As part of his role Glen met with Buddy's widow Maria Elena a few years ago to conduct a series of interviews with her for YouTube

Glen said this had helped him better understand Buddy's life and how he enjoys playing a real character rather than someone fictional

He said "With the story of Buddy's life it's stepping into incredibly large shoes rather than a fictional character.

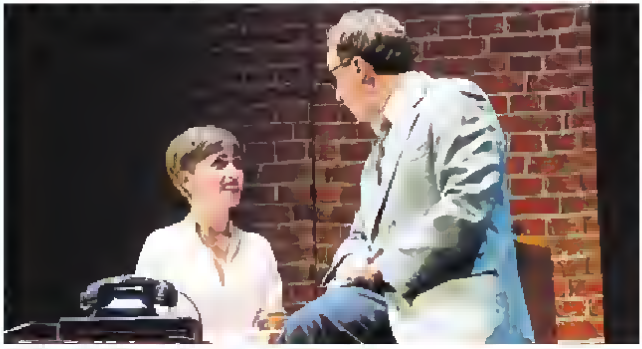
"The amount of research you do for something like this is far more extensive than being given a role that somebody's dreamed up

"I've met with Maria and she was absolutely wonderful, and it's with her good grace that the show goes on

"The insight she gave me into the man was something I could not possibly have learned from either videos or books."

Buddy is running at the New Theatre in George Street until August 2

For a full list of show times and ticket prices go to newtheatreoxford org.uk or call the box office on 0844 871 3020



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Please bear in mind that this show will contain strong language and adult humour

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Dance Week

DANCE Week gets underway at Chipping Norton Theatre on Monday, giving participants the chance to train with a professional choreographer.

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It runs until August 2.

For more details, go to chippingnortontheatre.co.uk

Motown night

A NEW show celebrating more than 50 years of Motown music comes to the Mill Arts Centre in Banbury on Saturday.

It was in 1959 that Berry Gordy started his Motown Empire in Detroit, and the genre still commands huge audience support to this day.

The show starts at 8pm, and more information is available at themillartscentre.co.uk.

Disability arts

WORKSHOPS, activities and performances for adults with learning disabilities are set to be staged at the Cornerstone in Didcot tomorrow.

Access All Areas will offer a selection of creative projects to people with learning disabilities, as well as an evening of musical entertainment.

For more details, go to cornerstone.arts.org.

Found Footage Festival

A SHOWCASE of quirky and hilarious video clips from across the world will feature in a unique film festival at the Ultimate Picture Palace in Oxford next Thursday.

By Adam Flinn
adam@oxfordmagpaper.co.uk

The Found Footage Festival has been running in the US for the past 10 years, showing videos found at garage sales and second-hand shops throughout North America.

Hosts Nick Prueher and Joe Pickett offer a live commentary of the footage, along with where-are-they now updates on the subjects of the clips.

And to celebrate the festival's 10th anniversary, Nick and Joe are bringing the show to 10 locations across the UK, including London, Liverpool and Manchester as well as Oxford.

"We've been coming to the UK for the past four or five years, but we had never been to Oxford before," said Nick.

Truth be told, I've wanted to visit Oxford ever since Michael J Fox went there in a very special vacation episode of 'Family Ties' in 1985, so this will be a lifelong dream come true."

The pair have amassed more than 6,000 videos, with oddities including a McDonald's training video, a Christmas-themed workout and a tape entitled 'Butt Camp'.

Their collection has grown extensively since picking up their first find in Wisconsin in 1991, and there's no sign of it slowing down just yet.

"Joe and I tour with our show and in each city we hit local shops and sales looking for unwanted VHS tapes," Nick added.

"Our worry is that they'll end up in landfills, so that's why we tour all around the world to rescue them before they're gone forever.

"Luckily now that people know about our show they send us videos or bring their finds to our live shows, and that's really helped the project keep going.

"In fact, we'd encourage anyone who's found a video in Oxford to please bring it to the show!"

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• Nick Prueher (left) and Joe Pickett bring the Found Footage Festival to Oxford next week

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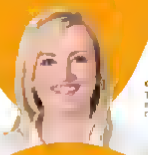

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26 Sep 2014, 7.30 pm
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1 Oct 2014, 7.30 pm
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5 Oct 2014
Orchard Centre Didcot
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6 Oct 2014-7 Oct 2014 7.30 pm
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CONSCIENTIOUS
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7 Oct 2014, 7.45 pm 9.15 pm
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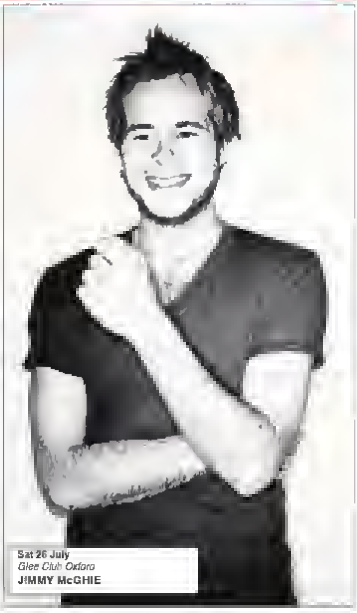
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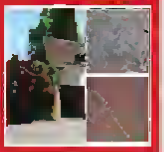

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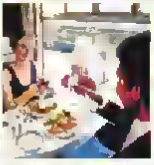

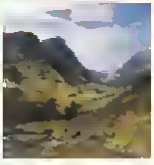

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				5	1	4	2	
8	5					7		3
8			6			8		
6	2		5		4		7	9
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	1		8				6	3
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Two speed crossword

Quick Clues Across

4 Crust on bronze (6)
8 Brought into agreement (7)
10 Wins the support of (7)
11 Viewpoint (5)
12 Darkness (5)
13 Portion (9)
16 Former name of 19 (4,5)
19 African state (5)
20 Plain (5)
22 Issue (7)
23 Fetter (7)
24 Eating (6)

Quick Clues Down

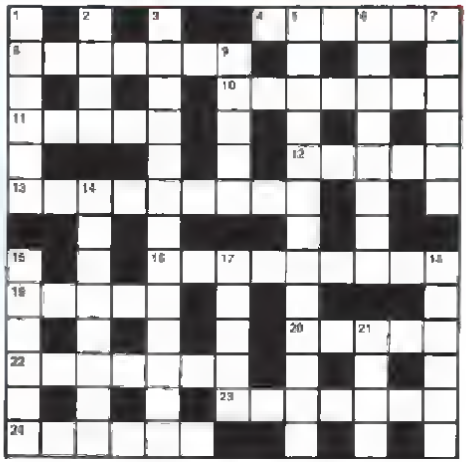
1 Country (6)
2 Telephone (4)
3 Inquiry (13)
5 Sea (8,5)
6 Distinguishing emblems (8)
7 Resources (6)
9 Dig (5)
14 Offering to a god (8)
15 Settled (6)
17 Leash (5)
18 Arm (4)
21 Deer (4)

Cryptic Clues Across

4 A curve of yellow after the start of the century (6)
8 Atomic piles without a charge to clergymen (7)
10 Jealous that a space for print has five promissory notes (7)
11 Preserves the remedies (5)
12 Odd afterthought for the remnants (5)
13 Feeling of having sent round a new beginning to time (9)
16 Drink in the titles of those who are called after one another (9)
19 Move the garment (5)
20 But he need not always propose marriage (5)
22 Push back the hair before our attempt to captivate (7)
23 Insures the break of dawn (7)
24 A quiet contract would give satisfaction (6)

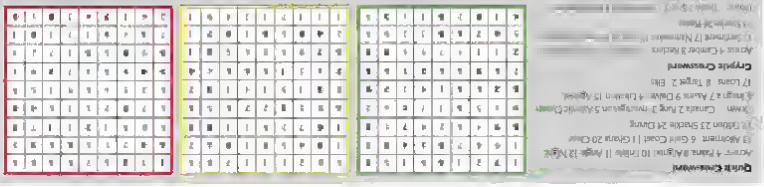
Cryptic Clues Down

1 Zig-zags round the right courses (6)
2 Result of an injury in a serious car accident? (4)
3 Aware the wrong is bent inside, but governed by what is right (13)
5 Announcement of promotion (13)
6 Express disapproval it's still a kilometre to the ship – and how to find the place (8)
7 Is in the remainder and can withstand (6)
9 A common sight? Either meaning can give the answer (5)
14 On time? An awkward way of making a suggestion (8)
15 Not aware that the snake has come round the sheltered side (6)
17 Open spaces for Othello's companions (5)
18 There could be an oak in the shortened version of the road (4)
21 Proud that those in front had one (4)



Scribble space

This week's solutions



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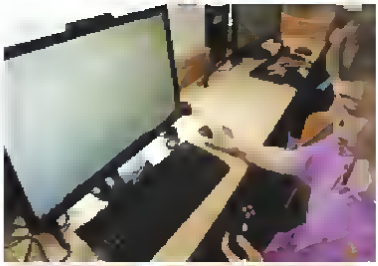

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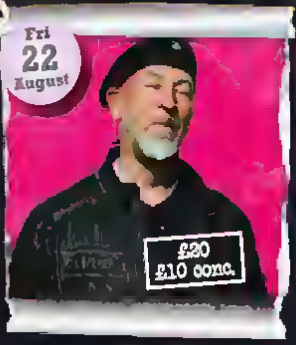

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▪ *The Mazda MX-5 Roadster Coupe 2 0 litre 25th anniversary limited edition*

REVIEW Mazda MX-5

By **James Richings**

ENGINEERS for Mazda were given a brief more than 25 years ago to design a car that was as much of a laugh as British sports cars of the 1960s – but which didn t have their penchant for breaking down

And the Mazda MX 5 was born

When global production reached 531 890 units in May 2000 the MX 5 was certified by Guinness World Records as the world s bestselling two-seater sports car in history

This record was updated again in 2011

So the Japanese manufacturer decided to bring out the MX 5 Roadster Coupe 2 0 litre 25th anniversary limited edition, to mark the car's 25th anniversary this August.

With the car s different variety of body colours two petrol engines and convertible roof the MX 5 is dubbed the ultimate let s take a spontaneous drive away car

Also known as the Roadster in Central America and in its native Japan the MX 5 has been described by Top Gear magazine as the best selling sports car on the planet

The car is such a hit in the UK that Top Gear presenter Jeremy Clarkson said "The fact is that if you want a sports car the MX 5 is perfect

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But only 1 000 individually numbered editions will be built

In a testament to Britain s enduring love affair with open-topped motoring 750 cars will be made available to UK customers

The first was unveiled at this year's Goodwood Festival of Speed last month.

The MX 5 is known for its reliability tight handling and fun factor

The limited edition car is based on the current Roadster Coupe 2 0 litre Sport Tech Nav variant

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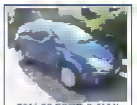

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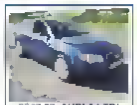

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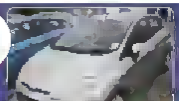

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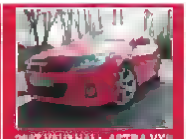

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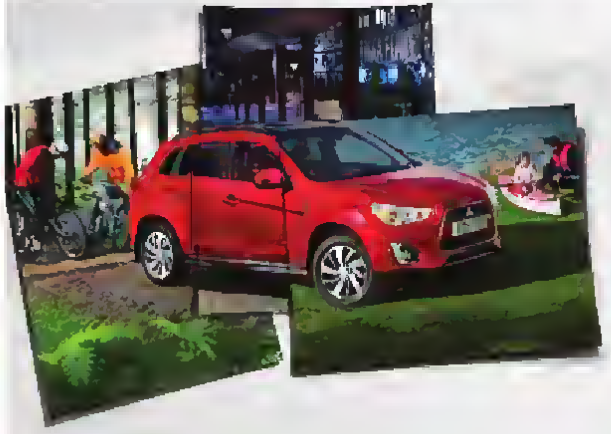

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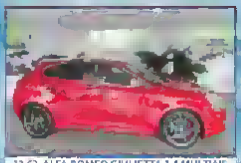

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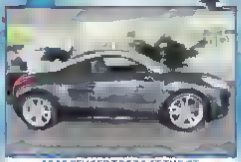

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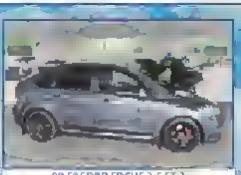

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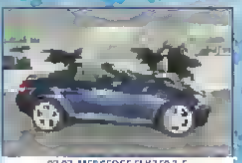

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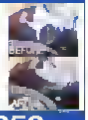

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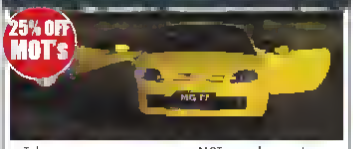

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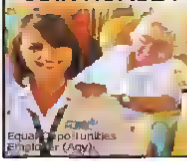

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Vella backs new recruit Weepu to shine for Welsh

NATHAN Vella is confident fellow New Zealander Piri Weepu will be a big hit at London Welsh this season.

World Cup winner Weepu signed for the Exiles earlier this month from Super 15 side the Blues.

Vella lined up with Weepu during their time at Auckland and is looking forward to linking up with his compatriot once again as Welsh prepare for life in the Aviva Premiership next season.

"It will be good to see him again and catch up when he arrives," said Vella.

"We're not in the Aviva Premiership just to survive, we're here to compete and signing someone like Piri is a huge statement.

"I've never played in the Premiership myself but he's one of those players that will just slot in.

"He'll be fine."

Vella joined the Exiles in December and believes Weepu will be a big hit with the rest of the squad when he joins next month.

"He's a really good guy, great for the team environment and he's a really skillful player," said Vella.

"He's vocal and he sees the game in a different way to how most people see it.

"He's always willing to help young players and spread his knowledge around.

Vella added: "He's down to earth and he's got time for everyone.

"He'll get his head down and just be another member of the team."

The Dragons Kiwi contingent is now up to five with Weepu joining Daniel Brown, Cameron Goodhue, Vella and team manager Sonny Parker.

Vella says it has helped raise the club's popularity on the other side of the world.

"It's definitely raised the profile of the Club back home," he said.

"Piri's one of the most famous rugby players over the last 10 years and it's really put London Welsh on the map as an Aviva Premiership club."

The Exiles' first pre-season friendly is against Henley Hawks on August 9.

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Tonkin relishing new challenge

LONDON Welsh have appointed a performance analyst to help boost their chances of becoming a competitive top-flight outfit.

Richard Tonkin joins from Aviva Premiership side Wasps where he spent three years working with the first team.

He has also previously worked with the South Africa Women's 7s team.

"It's exciting," he said. "It's a close-knit team here and the new guys seem to be settling in well, and complementing the guys that were already here.

"I'm really looking forward to the new season."

Head coach Justin Burnell added: "It's great to have Richard on board.

"He's fitted in remarkably well in a short space of time.

"I've no doubt his knowledge will be hugely beneficial in helping us compete next season."

• *Richard Tonkin (Picture by Martin John)*

City beat local rivals Didcot in friendly

JAVI Rodriguez and Felipe Barcelos were on the scoresheet as Oxford City beat Didcot Town 2-0 at Loop Meadow on Tuesday night.

Justin Merritt's side edged what turned out to be a competitive friendly against a Didcot side that has impressed during pre-season.

Rodriguez delightfully curled the ball into the top corner from 20 yards on 36 minutes before Barcelos fired past Alex Williams with seven minutes remaining.

City are showing all the hallmarks of becoming an eye catching side in the Conference North and Merritt was pleased with the movement of his attacking players.

"I'm not looking at anyone as a wide player or a striker," he said.

"Everybody has got to move and what we are looking at is the principles of dropping into spaces.

"We haven't quite got there yet but that's where the goals come from and I think players like to have that freedom."

Merritt also praised Spanish forward Rodriguez who, as well as scoring an impressive opener on Tuesday has shown glimpses of his ability in pre season so far.

"Everybody that has seen Javi can recognise what a great player he is going to be," said Merritt.

"His touches and the way he drifts in and out and a moment of quality – it was certainly a goal worth coming to see."

• *Trialist Adi Yussuf gets away from Josh Baines during Oxford City's win over Didcot Town on Tuesday (Picture by Roger Neal)*

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Kitson calls time on his extensive career

OXFORD United striker Dave Kitson has ended his illustrious playing career after announcing his retirement from football earlier this week.

The 34-year old who joined the club last summer has had the final season of his two-year contract ended and left by mutual consent on Monday

Kitson who played in the Premier League for Reading and Stoke City made his last appearance for United in their 1 0 friendly win over Oxford City on July 15.

The former Portsmouth and Sheffield United man scored four goals for the U s last season.

He was absent from United s 1 0 win at Didcot Town last Saturday and head coach Michael Appleton said at the time he had given the 34-year old the weekend off after a tough week of training.

On Monday Appleton described Kitson as a "very honest man" who he has "a lot of respect for"

Appleton added. "He came to

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me on Friday and told me that he would like to retire

"I asked him to take the week end to think it over

"It is a massive decision for any player to have to take and I felt he deserved a little time to weigh it all up

"He came back to us over the weekend and told us that his mind was made up and so we respect that decision and wish Dave all the best for the future"

It has been a busy week for United so far with Derek Fazackerley announced as assistant head coach and Mark Thomas as head of performance and recruitment analysis

Fazackerley who has worked alongside Kevin Keegan for England and Sven Goran Eriksson at Manchester City will work with Appleton and first team coach Mickey Lewis

The 62 year old said "It is a really exciting challenge

"Michael Appleton is a good young manager with great ideas about the game and I would love to help him achieve success at Oxford The club is set up well there are young players coming through and the whole club is progressive and ambitious."

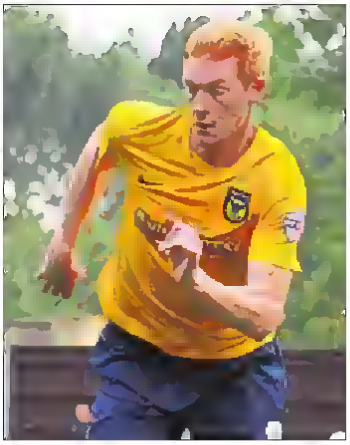
Thomas joins the U s from Portsmouth where he was head of performance analysis

He will work with video analyst Dan Bond and said "I enjoyed my time at Portsmouth but having spoken with Michael believe there are exciting times ahead here at Oxford"

United remained unbeaten in pre season last weekend with a 1 0 win over Division One South & West side Didcot

James Roberts scored the only goal of the game on 54 minutes

United s development side face Abingdon Town tonight to help the Abbots raise funds after last winter's floods



• *Dave Kitson (Picture by Steve Daniels)*

Stars get first recruit ahead of new season

CANADIAN ice hockey player Kyle Flemington has been announced as Oxford City Stars first signing of the summer

The 22 year old defender is moving to the UK from Ontario, and will be ready for the Stars when the season gets underway in September

Flemington has played in and won the Ontario Hockey League and is looking forward to competing in the National Ice Hockey League 1 over the coming season

"I came to Oxford because the Stars are an up and coming team having won the championship two years in a row" said Flemington.

"All in all it was very appealing to me and I just can t wait to get on the ice."

Team coach Darren Elliott added "Kyle s a great team guy He s got that size and presence on the ice that any team would want

"He knows the game inside out and it ll be amazing to have somebody like him behind us"

Elliott added that he has been speaking to a number of prospective signings and will be making further announcements soon

• *Kyle Flemington*

Miserable run continues for Wantage

WANTAGE Town a winless run in pre season continued on Tuesday night with a 1 0 defeat at home to Hellenic Premier Division side Thatcham Town

Yashwa Romeo scored the only goal of the game on 75 minutes in a game Wantage can take plenty of positives from.

Freds manager Gary Ackling was without Tom Melledew Josh Cottrell, Jimmy Deabill and Jon Steedman but his side showed a determination to forget last Saturday s 9 1 defeat to Conference North side Oxford City

Jake Johns should have given Wantage the lead but missed an open goal after good work from Ben McCready

However it was Thatcham who took their chance as an unmarked Romeo headed past Gareth Tucker with 15 minutes remaining

Wantage thought they had equalised late on but Matt Pedder who rounded the keeper and slotted home was offside from Gavin Kidd s inch perfect pass

The Freds are next in action tonight when they face Easington Sports before they make the short trip to Milton United on Saturday

Wantage then face Abingdon United and Purton before beginning their Division One South & West campaign at home to Taunton Town on August 9

• *Stuart Cattell and Gavin Kidd are beaten by Oxford City s Lewis Wilson during last Saturday's 6 1 defeat (Picture by Mike Allen)*

Sport Bites

Sean in top-10

CHIPPING Norton racer Sean Walkinshaw moved into the top 10 of the Euro Formula Open championship standings after a seventh place finish at Silverstone on Saturday

He achieved the result in the first race at the Northamptonshire track with the second ending in disappointment when a crash on lap two cost Walkinshaw potential points

But he is up to 10th in the championship table with 30 points and now has a seven-week break before the next round of the season in Belgium on September 6 and 7

Trip up north

OXFORD Rugby League return to action on Saturday when they make the trip to play Gateshead Thunder

It has been a tough season for Oxford who have won just five of their 15 fixtures this year

Oxford have faced Gateshead twice already this season losing them both by scorelines of 47 20 and 30 22 respectively

Close to win

OXFORDSHIRE CCC came close to victory over Dorset in the Minor Counties Cricket League on Sunday but ultimately had to settle for a home draw

A first innings of 202 for Oxfordshire compared to Dorset's 280 was followed by the hosts declaring on 229 8

They were able to get Dorset to 231 9 but couldn t take the final wicket they needed to secure the victory

County trio make squad for worlds

OXFORDSHIRE rowing trio Katie Greves Olivia Carnegie Brown and Brianna Stubbs have been selected to compete at the Rowing World Championships in Amsterdam next month.

Greves and Carnegie-Brown were both named in a squad of nine for the womens eight

They are joined by former Oxford University cox Zoe De Toledo who was a part of the Boat Race squad in 2012

"We re really excited looking forward" said De Toledo

"But now we need to get down to business and work as hard as we can between now and Amsterdam"

Stubbs from Headington will compete in the lightweight women s quadruple sculls

She won a gold medal at the World Under 23 Championships last year in the lightweight double and is looking forward to the challenge in Amsterdam

"I m really excited and proud to have been selected for my first senior championships," said Stubbs

"I m looking forward to stepping on from the performances we ve had over the last few weeks at Henley and Lucerne"

The championships get underway on August 24

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WE MUST UP THE TEMPO

By Jack Johnson
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DIDCOT Town joint manager Ian Concannon wants to see more urgency from his players when they play Thame United in a friendly on Saturday.

The Railwaymen have impressed so far in pre-season but an under-par performance saw them lose 2-0 at home to Canference North side Oxford City on Tuesday night.

Javi Rodriguez and Felipe Barcelos scored City's goals and Concannon wants to see an improvement at Thame this weekend.

"It's a bit disappointing because we've done ever so well up until now and I think we could have shown a lot more than we did," he said.

"I think we lacked a bit of fluency and our decision making and ball retention at times wasn't great.

"We go to Thame on Saturday and we will try to put right what we didn't do on Tuesday.

"I want a little bit more urgency and high tempo when we've got the ball.

Concannon was without eight players on Tuesday with joint boss Jamie Heapy, Sam Elkins, Sam Parish and Luke Abrahart all away while James Foster, Jash Dutton Black, Jack Longford and Lance Williams are all carrying knocks.

Striker Ryan Brooks also limped off at half time on Tuesday with a tight hamstring but Concannon said the change was precautionary.

He added: "They are players who will ultimately make a difference in any team but that's part and parcel of pre-season.

"You get knocks and it is down to other people to stake their claim.

"People will be judged on how they have done and everybody will get a decent run of minutes."

Jack Self made his first start on Tuesday since joining the club a few weeks ago and impressed in the centre of midfield alongside Josh Barnes.

Concannon said: "He's a player we like.

"We didn't know anything about him before he came to pre-season training but he's a tidy footballer and he is certainly going to be involved.

"He is only 19 but the way he goes about his business is good to watch."

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• *Mike McKirnon beats former teammate Lee Henderson in the air during Didcot Town's 2-0 defeat to Oxford City on Tuesday (Picture by Roger Neal)*

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